

## *Re-Creation Performs at NH Veterans Home*

Toes were tapping and there were scores of smiling faces when Re-Creation, a non-profit performance group directed by Jay Muller, presented "Paint the Town Red" at the New Hampshire Veterans Home (NHVH) on Monday, June 11.

Re-Creation, whose cast and crew are all volunteers and range in age from 19 to 25, presents more than 300 shows a year across the United States. The performance at the Veterans Home was called "Paint the Town Red" and featured music and dance routines from celebrated hot spots around town: The Hospital, 1950s High School, The Firehouse, The Savoy Dance Hall, The Playground, The Candy Shop, The Honky Tonk, The Town Church, The Cinema, and more. NHVH Residents enjoyed hearing songs from the 1920s to the present, including such favorites as "The Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy from Company C," "Poison Ivy," "The Leader of the Pack," "Why Do Fools Fall in Love," and many more.

The final set featured a special salute to veterans and included anthems from each branch of the armed services: The Coast Guard, the Army, the Navy, and the Marines. To everyone's delight, during this segment Re-Creation cast members moved into the audience and shook hands with many of the residents. Anne Howe, RN, NHVH Director of Resident Care Services, said "The enthusiasm and dedication of these young people is amazing—it energized and inspired our residents and staff. It was a special evening."

Re-Creation presents "Paint the Town Red" in all the Veterans Administration Medical Centers & State Veterans Homes nationwide and for many various private and public functions.

Re-Creation is a non-profit organization whose main service is to America's Veterans Affairs Medical Centers and State Veterans Homes. Since 1983, Re-Creation has provided the only continuing, live, therapeutic entertainment presence in our nation's VA Medical Centers.



The New Hampshire Veterans Home was established in Tilton in 1890 as the Soldier's Home for Civil War Veterans. One of just four New Hampshire nursing homes to win the 2007 Quality of Life Award from the NH Department of Health & Human Services, the modern facility is home to men and women who have served their country and fellow New Hampshire citizens. The mission of

NHVH is to provide high quality, professional long-term care services to the Granite State's elderly and disabled veterans. NHVH is the only long-term care facility in the Granite State that is dedicated exclusively to veterans.



*Re-Creation cast member Andrew Reich with NH Veterans Home residents Wes Philbrick and Charlie Davis*